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11. (S) Per reftel instructions, we delivered talking points to the head of the Internationally Controlled Trade and Security Directorate, Ivelina Bahchevanova, on November 3, 12009. The same day, the Bulgarian Export Trade Commission convened and agreed to deny authorization to transfer 60 anti-helicopter mines and 20 remote control units by the company, Institute of Metal Science, officially designated for end-use by Yemen, but suspected to be destined for end-use by Syria. Bahchevanova thanked us for our input and reiterated the Export Trade Commission's commitment to working with the USG and Embassy Sofia. END SUMMARY.

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